

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph abridging pages 7 and 8 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a configuration of an automatic programming device according to a first embodiment of the present invention. An automatic programming device 100 includes, as a basic component, NC creating software for directly fetching data relating to a product shape and a work shape from CAD data, and creating an NC creation program for machining a product from a material (work) in an interactive mode with an operator, by various data such as the fetched product shape data and work shape data. The automatic programming device is installed in a computer such as a microcomputer. The NC creation program is described in a predetermined language higher than the NC program. A computer-readable recording medium stores a computer program for creating a machining program. The computer-readable recording medium, for example, may include a diskette, a tape, a compact disc, an integrated circuit, a cartridge, or some other storage discs. As an alternative to a computer-readable recording medium, the computer program for creating a machining program may be provided in a carrier wave.